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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **EPFD responds to Condition 2 fire**

### **Firefighters respond to Condition 2 fire at 1100 block of Ange St.**

*El Paso, Texas* – At approximately 2:20 a.m. on Monday March 7, the El Paso Fire Department was dispatched to a condition 2 fire at the 1100 block of Ange St. when passerbys called 9-1-1. Upon arriving on the scene at 2:22 a.m., crews found flames coming from the front of the house. Firefighters began to simultaneously fight the fire and search for residents. The woman living in the house had already self-evacuated, so crews continued to fight the fire.

Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control at 3:01 a.m. The fire spread to about 50% of the house. Damage is estimated at \$80,000. The cause and origin of the fire is under investigation.

A woman, approximate age 78, was transported to a nearby hospital with non- life-threatening injuries. There were no injuries to firefighters. A total of 11 units and 26 personnel from the El Paso Fire Department responded to this incident. Texas Gas and the American Red Cross assisted in the incident.

The house had no working smoke alarms. The El Paso Fire Department would like to remind the public about their FREE Smoke Alarm Program. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and begin filling a home with thick, black, poisonous smoke. In just a few minutes, a home can become completely engulfed with flames. With the advance notice of a working smoke alarm, residents can escape with their lives.

Residents who do not have a smoke alarm can request a FREE smoke alarm by calling 485-5699 or by visiting [www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department/services](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department/services).

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